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2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Note: This is a modified view of the original table.

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

Subject	Essex County, Massachusetts		Merrimac town, Essex County, Massachusetts	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	286,896	286,896	2,516	2,516
Family households (families)	191,407	66.7%	1,857	73.8%
With own children under 18 years	85,874	29.9%	735	29.2%
Married-couple family	138,192	48.2%	1,464	58.2%
With own children under 18 years	57,940	20.2%	533	21.2%
Male householder, no wife present, family	13,075	4.6%	97	3.9%
With own children under 18 years	5,508	1.9%	24	1.0%
Female householder, no husband present, family	40,140	14.0%	296	11.8%
With own children under 18 years	22,426	7.8%	178	7.1%
Nonfamily households	95,489	33.3%	659	26.2%
Householder living alone	79,431	27.7%	548	21.8%
65 years and over	32,722	11.4%	215	8.5%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	94,285	32.9%	808	32.1%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	79,821	27.8%	701	27.9%
Average household size	2.58	(X)	2.59	(X)
Average family size	3.17	(X)	3.03	(X)
RELATIONSHIP				
Population in households	739,766	739,766	6,507	6,507
Householder	286,896	38.8%	2,516	38.7%
Spouse	138,176	18.7%	1,490	22.9%
Child	229,860	31.1%	2,051	31.5%
Other relatives	47,680	6.4%	231	3.6%
Nonrelatives	37,154	5.0%	219	3.4%
Unmarried partner	17,924	2.4%	219	3.4%
MARITAL STATUS				
Males 15 years and over	293,039	293,039	2,441	2,441
Never married	105,344	35.9%	665	27.2%
Now married, except separated	151,241	51.6%	1,511	61.9%

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	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Separated	4,975	1.7%	26	1.1%
Widowed	7,453	2.5%	44	1.8%
Divorced	24,026	8.2%	195	8.0%
Females 15 years and over	325,324	325,324	2,936	2,936
Never married	98,691	30.3%	774	26.4%
Now married, except separated	149,893	46.1%	1,488	50.7%
Separated	8,440	2.6%	87	3.0%
Widowed	30,647	9.4%	256	8.7%
Divorced	37,653	11.6%	331	11.3%
FERTILITY				
Number of women 15 to 50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months	8,755	8,755	114	114
Unmarried women (widowed, divorced, and never married)	3,072	35.1%	14	12.3%
Per 1,000 unmarried women	31	(X)	19	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 50 years old	48	(X)	77	(X)
Per 1,000 women 15 to 19 years old	12	(X)	0	(X)
Per 1,000 women 20 to 34 years old	88	(X)	207	(X)
Per 1,000 women 35 to 50 years old	27	(X)	46	(X)
GRANDPARENTS				
Number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years	14,866	14,866	108	108
Responsible for grandchildren	4,303	28.9%	14	13.0%
Years responsible for grandchildren				
Less than 1 year	1,042	7.0%	0	0.0%
1 or 2 years	968	6.5%	0	0.0%
3 or 4 years	778	5.2%	0	0.0%
5 or more years	1,515	10.2%	14	13.0%
Number of grandparents responsible for own grandchildren under 18 years	4,303	4,303	14	14
Who are female	2,756	64.0%	14	100.0%
Who are married	2,852	66.3%	14	100.0%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	194,703	194,703	1,878	1,878
Nursery school, preschool	13,388	6.9%	107	5.7%
Kindergarten	9,390	4.8%	46	2.4%
Elementary school (grades 1-8)	76,888	39.5%	767	40.8%
High school (grades 9-12)	41,623	21.4%	514	27.4%
College or graduate school	53,414	27.4%	444	23.6%
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT				
Population 25 years and over	517,701	517,701	4,526	4,526
Less than 9th grade	27,897	5.4%	161	3.6%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	27,756	5.4%	89	2.0%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	135,660	26.2%	965	21.3%
Some college, no degree	90,778	17.5%	852	18.8%
Associate's degree	42,829	8.3%	422	9.3%
Bachelor's degree	114,809	22.2%	1,065	23.5%
Graduate or professional degree	77,972	15.1%	972	21.5%
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	89.2%	(X)	94.5%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	37.2%	(X)	45.0%
VETERAN STATUS				
Civilian population 18 years and over	586,853	586,853	5,014	5,014
Civilian veterans	41,374	7.1%	407	8.1%

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DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION				
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	749,939	749,939	6,515	6,515
With a disability	86,374	11.5%	737	11.3%
Under 18 years				
Under 18 years	169,921	169,921	1,502	1,502
With a disability	6,853	4.0%	28	1.9%
18 to 64 years				
18 to 64 years	472,126	472,126	4,001	4,001
With a disability	43,267	9.2%	280	7.0%
65 years and over				
65 years and over	107,892	107,892	1,012	1,012
With a disability	36,254	33.6%	429	42.4%
RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO				
Population 1 year and over	749,132	749,132	6,432	6,432
Same house	657,676	87.8%	5,939	92.3%
Different house in the U.S.	86,402	11.5%	473	7.4%
Same county	60,718	8.1%	375	5.8%
Different county	25,684	3.4%	98	1.5%
Same state	14,315	1.9%	42	0.7%
Different state	11,369	1.5%	56	0.9%
Abroad	5,054	0.7%	20	0.3%
PLACE OF BIRTH				
Total population	757,395	757,395	6,536	6,536
Native	641,277	84.7%	6,358	97.3%
Born in United States	620,644	81.9%	6,291	96.3%
State of residence	500,510	66.1%	5,122	78.4%
Different state	120,134	15.9%	1,169	17.9%
Born in Puerto Rico, U.S. Island areas, or born abroad to American parent(s)	20,633	2.7%	67	1.0%
Foreign born	116,118	15.3%	178	2.7%
U.S. CITIZENSHIP STATUS				
Foreign-born population	116,118	116,118	178	178
Naturalized U.S. citizen	60,836	52.4%	111	62.4%
Not a U.S. citizen	55,282	47.6%	67	37.6%
YEAR OF ENTRY				
Population born outside the United States	136,751	136,751	245	245
Native				
Native	20,633	20,633	67	67
Entered 2010 or later	1,474	7.1%	1	1.5%
Entered before 2010	19,159	92.9%	66	98.5%
Foreign born				
Foreign born	116,118	116,118	178	178
Entered 2010 or later	9,635	8.3%	0	0.0%
Entered before 2010	106,483	91.7%	178	100.0%
WORLD REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN				
Foreign-born population, excluding population born at sea	116,118	116,118	178	178
Europe	21,660	18.7%	48	27.0%
Asia	20,153	17.4%	16	9.0%
Africa	6,397	5.5%	29	16.3%
Oceania	267	0.2%	0	0.0%
Latin America	64,348	55.4%	42	23.6%
Northern America	3,293	2.8%	43	24.2%

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LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME				
Population 5 years and over	713,963	713,963	6,278	6,278
English only	538,633	75.4%	6,002	95.6%
Language other than English	175,330	24.6%	276	4.4%
Speak English less than "very well"	71,324	10.0%	17	0.3%
Spanish	108,015	15.1%	78	1.2%
Speak English less than "very well"	48,333	6.8%	17	0.3%
Other Indo-European languages	43,020	6.0%	175	2.8%
Speak English less than "very well"	13,275	1.9%	0	0.0%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	17,206	2.4%	19	0.3%
Speak English less than "very well"	7,527	1.1%	0	0.0%
Other languages	7,089	1.0%	4	0.1%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,189	0.3%	0	0.0%
ANCESTRY				
Total population	757,395	757,395	6,536	6,536
American	34,989	4.6%	401	6.1%
Arab	8,027	1.1%	16	0.2%
Czech	1,415	0.2%	16	0.2%
Danish	1,526	0.2%	30	0.5%
Dutch	5,058	0.7%	102	1.6%
English	83,823	11.1%	1,388	21.2%
French (except Basque)	54,917	7.3%	447	6.8%
French Canadian	30,460	4.0%	531	8.1%
German	40,965	5.4%	544	8.3%
Greek	15,957	2.1%	202	3.1%
Hungarian	1,899	0.3%	0	0.0%
Irish	166,223	21.9%	1,711	26.2%
Italian	129,193	17.1%	1,096	16.8%
Lithuanian	3,910	0.5%	40	0.6%
Norwegian	3,737	0.5%	99	1.5%
Polish	31,676	4.2%	241	3.7%
Portuguese	18,818	2.5%	187	2.9%
Russian	12,043	1.6%	69	1.1%
Scotch-Irish	5,288	0.7%	11	0.2%
Scottish	19,485	2.6%	379	5.8%
Slovak	336	0.0%	0	0.0%
Subsaharan African	6,898	0.9%	20	0.3%
Swedish	10,350	1.4%	191	2.9%
Swiss	834	0.1%	40	0.6%
Ukrainian	2,322	0.3%	14	0.2%
Welsh	2,705	0.4%	82	1.3%
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups)	5,882	0.8%	0	0.0%
COMPUTERS AND INTERNET USE				
Total Households	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a computer	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
With a broadband Internet subscription	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

Fertility data are not available for certain geographic areas due to problems with data collection. See Errata Note #92 for details.

Methodological changes to data collection in 2013 may have affected language data for 2013. Users should be aware of these changes when using multi-year data containing data from 2013.

The Census Bureau introduced a new set of disability questions in the 2008 ACS questionnaire. Accordingly, comparisons of disability data from 2008 or later with data from prior years are not recommended. For more information on these questions and their evaluation in the 2006 ACS Content Test, see the Evaluation Report Covering Disability.

While the 2010-2014 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.